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CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

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1. NON-DAO US MILITARY AND DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ARE NOW ASSIGNED TO VENEZUELA IN THREE SEPARATE STATUSES. THE FIRST (AND THE ONLY NON-DAO GROUP WHICH INCLUDES DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES) IS THE MILGP. THE SECOND TROUP INVOLVES PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT UNDER THE PERSONNEL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PEP) AND THE THIRD INVOLVES PERSONNEL ON INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS (E.G., ASSIGNMENT TO THE SENIOR VENEZUELAN SERVICE SCHOOLS).

2. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE MILGP ARE ANNOUNCED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER THE NAVY, AIR FORCE AND ARMY MISSIONS AGREEMENTS. AS POINTED OUT IN THE REFS, HOWEVER, BOTH THE AIR FORCE MISSION AGREEMENT (TIAS 2766) AND THE ARMY MISSION AGREEMENT (TIAS 2299) HAVE EXPIRED BY THEIR OWN TERMS. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOV CONTINUES TO HONOR SOME OF THEIR STIPULATIONS ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE CERTAIN EXPENSES ARISING FROM THE AGREEMENTS. AS THE REFS TO THIS MESSAGE BEAR OUT, THE EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY ASKED AUTHORIZATION
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TO NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE GOV FOR ALL THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE MILGP SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY ANSWER FROM THE DEPARTMENT. ALSO, THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT YET ANSWERED THE EMBASSY'S QUERY ABOUT WHETHER THESE PERSONNEL
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SHOULD BE CALLED THE MILGP OR THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION.

3. THE MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED UNDER PEP ARE COVERED BY FOUR SERVICE-TO-SERVICE AGREEMENTS (AIR FORCE TO AIR FORCE, ARMY TO ARMY, NAVY TO NAVY, AND US NAVY TO VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE). INSOFAR AS THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS CONCERNED, THESE PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED AS ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL EMBASSY PERSONNEL. THE EMBASSY IN NOVEMBER 1977 (REF C) REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO REVISE THREE OF THE PEP AGREEMENTS TO CONFORM WITH THE MORE COMPLETE BENEFITS CONTAINED IN THE AIR FORCE TO AIR FORCE PEP AGREEMENT. TO DATE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE FROM THE DEPT.

4. THE US MILITARY OFFICERS HERE UNDER INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS ARE ALSO NOTIFIED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS THOUGHT THEY WERE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE MISSION.
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